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In re application of

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N-TERMINAL METHIONINE

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated July 9, 2003.

The action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-12.

Regarding the species requirement, Applicants elect growth hormones as the first species of specific peptide, and glyoxylic acid as the second species of specific diketone.

Claims 1-12 are readable on the elective species.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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